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HB 150 Engrossed

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Abstract: Expands the crime of battery of a police officer to include the throwing of water or other liquids and removes the requirement that the offender be incarcerated or detained at the time of the throwing for the offense to apply.

Present law provides for the crime of battery of a police officer and defines the offense as a battery committed without the consent of the victim when the offender has reasonable grounds to believe the victim is a police officer acting in the performance of his duty.

Present law provides that, for purposes of present law, "battery of a police officer" includes the use of force or violence upon the person of the police officer by throwing feces, urine, blood, saliva, or any form of human waste by an offender while the offender is incarcerated by a court of law and is being detained in any jail, prison, correctional facility, juvenile institution, temporary holding center, halfway house, or detention facility.

Proposed law expands the definition of "battery of a police officer" to include the throwing of water or other liquids and removes the requirement that the offender be incarcerated or detained at the time of the throwing for the offense to apply.

Proposed law otherwise retains present law including the penalties which include a fine of not more than \$500 and imprisoned not less than 15 days nor more than six months without benefit of suspension of sentence; and if the battery produces an injury that requires medical attention, a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned with or without hard labor for not less than one year nor more than five years (with a 30-day minimum mandatory), or both.

(Amends R.S. 14:34.2(A)(3))